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## THE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOOL

### THE GREAT EVENT BEGINS AT INDIAN TRAIL MONDAY

Sir John, Making a Desperate Effort to Get in a Phone to Please Sorrel Top, Hurt His Foot—Man Run Over By Traction Engine.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indian Trail, July 26.—Mrs. L. H. Jones of Craig, Colorado, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lemmond the latter part of last week.

Miss Letha Snyder of Concord spent the former part of last week with Mrs. J. W. Rallings.

Mrs. T. A. Shaw, who has been ill for some time with fever, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Boyd Dellinger and his sister Gray are spending a few days this week with relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. Walter Lemmond of Matthews was the guest of Mr. Samuel Lemmond one day last week.

Student, why do you sit down there and pine about the news from old Indian Trail? And frequently giving suggestions as to how it may be more efficiently written for your special benefit.

I now wish to inform you, as well as other Journal readers, that I will have a phone to aid me in my work of getting the news soon.

However, it will not be in use under two weeks, then I hope that with the aid of it, and the aid of Gilbert, we can give you the desired information from the "Trail" that I, as well as others, feel that you stand in great need of, according to the statement you gave in your last article, about getting the news. I am not well informed as to what is the reason of your being farther from seeing Indian Trail than you have ever been since you went down there, but according to the rumor in the neighborhood, it is not that you are afraid the supply of bread and milk on which you say you subsist is limited or that vicious cows are continually breaking out of blackberry patches up here that keeps you back.

There undoubtedly must be another reason. That tenacious desire you have for clinging to Richmond county must be prompted by something else other than the little insignificant desire for food. It is my opinion, as well as the opinion of others, that you will never reach Indian Trail again alive (or mean unmarried.) And we know that the holy bonds of matrimony have great power when rightly carried out, and it may be that you will never reach your native town again. Student, you must explain!

The Big School. Something coming! There will be a five days' community service school beginning July 31st in the Indian Trail school auditorium.

Friends and citizens of Union and adjoining counties, here is an opportunity for you to listen to some of the leading men and women of the State who are gladly imparting wholesome knowledge to the public, and all they ask, is that you come out and get your share of what is going. We, the people of Indian Trail, extend a hearty welcome to all who will come and take the advantage of the life-time opportunity. Come one and all, bring your dinner and be prepared to stay all day, and not only one day, but every day during the term of five days. It would be well to call to the minds of the people of Union county that they are fortunate in having free access to such a storehouse of knowledge in their midst.

As has been told in The Journal, this school, which begins next Monday, is the first of its kind in the United States. The discussions will hinge around the fundamental and vital question, "How can rural communities get more out of their schools, their farms, their markets, their homes, their health and their social life?"

Besides the regular daily program there will be the following special features:

Monday: Motion pictures (free). Tuesday: Address: Community Building by Cooperation—Mr. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Wednesday: Address: The Rural Community of the Future—Prof. W. C. Riddick, President of A. & M. College.

Thursday: Address: Community Civics.—N. W. Walker, State High School Inspector, and Member of the faculty of the State University.

Friday: Address: The Child.—J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Misses Sadie and Edna Boyd spent the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Paxton of Matthews.

Misses Cora Lee Robinson and Jesse Currents spent Saturday night with Miss Gray Dellinger.

Miss Annie Harkey's friends will be glad to know that she is improving some at this writing.

Mr. James Vickery, who joined the Garmon and Starnes threshing crew last week, fell from the portable engine truck used in the threshing outfit and was seriously bruised by the truck running over him. The accident happened near Mint Hill on the road about seven miles north of Indian Trail.

Mr. Vickery was riding on the gasoline tank on the rear of the truck when the tank suddenly turned and Mr. Vickery fell between the front and rear wheel and the rear wheel ran across his hand and foot almost crushing the bones of each. The axle of the truck being very low bent him almost against the ground. This strained Mr. Vickery's back and hips very badly. He was laid out on some quilts in the road

and a physician was immediately summoned, who lived at Mint Hill about a half a mile from where the accident occurred. The physician was on the scene in about ten minutes. An injection of morphine was put into Mr. Vickery's arm for he was raging with pain. When he became quiet he was taken to a nearby residence and laid on a bed. He remained here until a nearby automobilist, Mr. Carl McEwen, who owns an auto truck, and who was phoned for arrived. Mr. Vickery was laid on a feather bed in the auto and Mr. Perry Garmon and Mr. McEwen speedily took him to his home at Indian Trail. He has been unable to turn himself in bed, although he is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rallings left Indian Trail one day last week about seven o'clock a. m. and motored to Barium Springs, a distance of 110 miles, got Florence, Robert and Johnny Hess from the Presbyterian Orphanage there and returned to Indian Trail by noon the same day. The Hess children are relatives of this vicinity, and as they were on a vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Rallings decided to bring them back to their home to spend it.

Your scribe, at this writing, is almost unable to walk. He started to fall from a telephone post where he was making a desperate effort to put up his own phone line and managed to jump, hitting the ground very hard, almost breaking the instep of his right foot.—Sir John.

### Unionville News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Unionville, July 27.—Miss Virginia Helms has returned from Chapel Hill where she attended the summer school for teachers.

Miss Clara Purser, who has also been at Chapel Hill, will visit relatives at Salisbury and other points before she returns to her home here.

Prof. and Mrs. J. T. Yeargin will arrive here today at noon to visit Mrs. Yeargin's mother, Mrs. J. C. W. Hargett. They have also been to Chapel Hill.

Mr. Sanford Medlin of South Monroe township is visiting his brother, Mr. M. A. Medlin.

Mrs. A. W. Keziah and children are visiting her father-in-law, Mr. Isaac Keziah, of North Monroe.

Mr. Otis Braswell of Fairfield is visiting friends here.

Miss Isabelle Seerest is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tip Helms, in Monroe and attending the Union meeting.

The Union singing school, led by Mr. Reese Long, began here yesterday. Large crowds are attending and every body that wants to learn how to sing are invited to attend.

The protracted service will begin at the Presbyterian church Sunday as previously announced in The Journal.

The summer term of school begins Monday week. Prof. McCanniss will be principal, and your correspondent has not been informed who the assistants are. Will report them next week. Students will find board and tuition cheap, and all that will come are invited to do so.

Oh! poor Joy, I am sorry you have been sick. I certainly can sympathize with you for I have been sick all summer. Hope you are lots better and that you will soon be completely well.

Oh my! Where have all our correspondents flown to? Things aren't half as lively with us as they were last winter. Wake up and go to work. We all miss your letters and feel like—oh I don't know what—when all of you don't write.

"Padarsky," you must follow Scapagoat's example and send us some news from your new home. Are you having a nice time?

Well, let me tell you what I did last Sunday. A crowd of us "Ferdies" it to the communion services at Liberty Primitive Baptist church three miles south of Monroe and from there in to Wingate, spent about half an hour in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Williams, and from there to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mills, where we spent a delightful hour or two. Meant to go and see uncle O. P. T. while at Wingate, but did not have time. I intend to do so next time I am there. We got home that night about 7:30—Wild Rose.

### Lawlessness in Duplin.

J. W. Kilpatrick, an animal quarantine inspector in the employ of the State and Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, who is operating in Duplin county, where night riders have committed frequent outrages recently, last week appealed to Solicitor Henry E. Shaw at Kinston for protection.

Kilpatrick said he had been shot at several times and frequent threats had been made to kill him, he had heard. He had appealed to Gov. Craig and the Governor referred him to the solicitor. Kilpatrick's connection with the enforcement of the stock law, now in force in Duplin to the dissatisfaction of many of the people, has evidently earned him the enmity of the night riders, supposed to be comprised of persons of the dissatisfied element. He says the night riders cut pasture fences almost every night.

### The Progress of the War.

While the successes of the British, the French, and the Russians continue in a general way, there have been no marked advance in the European fighting. However, the Russians have made a considerable sweep against the Turks, and have advanced 100 miles in a week, taking possession of all of Armenia where the Turks have been massacring for so long.

### RELIEF WORK GOING ON

Committee Named by Gov. Craig Have Taken the Situation in Hand and Are Sending Money For Immediate Relief.

The committee appointed by Gov. Craig to raise funds to help the flood sufferers in the western counties has gone to work in earnest and the people are responding liberally. E. E. Britton of Raleigh is chairman and E. W. Crow of Raleigh, treasurer, of the committee. The committee issued the following statement Wednesday:

First, of all, we beg to say that we were greatly encouraged by the response to the appeal sent out the first of the week. In three days our people have forwarded \$3,300.00—a memorable testimony to the generosity of North Carolinians and their friends in other States.

While this seems to be a large sum, let no one be deceived into thinking that it is by any means commensurate with the demands of the disaster that has befallen our fellow-citizens in the western counties. Along four great rivers and more than a hundred of their tributaries complete wreck and ruin have been wrought at a season when it is too late to replant, in a time when conditions are difficult, and in a way that makes impossible the tiding over the situation by means of loans or credit. The lands themselves have in many instances been shorn of their value.

The committee appropriated \$6,000.00 for the purpose of instant relief—allowing \$5000 to \$1000 to the county, and providing wise and trustworthy channels for the distribution of the funds. No appropriation was made for Mitchell, Yancey and Avery, because we had no definite information from these counties—the fact being that by reason of the destruction of means of communication there are yet large regions that have not been heard from. We are happy to say that we have reason to hope that in most, if not all instances, the necessities of daily sustenance have been supplied locally. Those in the mountains who were spared in part are dividing with their less fortunate fellows, as we all knew they would. But necessarily they cannot carry even this burden a great length of time. Nor would we have them do so.

As soon as we are sure that the instant needs of food and clothing have been provided, we hope to undertake to relieve the need of substantial essentials to putting on their feet the men and women whose stock and store, whose harvests and growing crops, were swept away.

With the view to doing this wisely we appointed Mr. John Sprunt Hill, of Durham; Mr. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, and Mr. B. W. Kilgore, of Raleigh, a committee to visit the stricken regions, and directed them to immediately investigate with the view to recommending the further course of this committee. These gentlemen, it is hardly necessary to add, are serving without pay.

We have every reason to believe that every dollar that can be spared will be needed. We propose to give to every sufferer only according to his need; we ask from every man only according to his ability. The committee was deeply impressed upon receiving a dollar from man inmate of the State's Prison. The terrible flood was made by small drops of water; it will be relieved by thousands and then thousands of small gifts from those who have but little and by larger gifts from those who have more. Let every man and woman do his or her part.

### From Weddington.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Miss Ola Hemby left Monday for Stouts, where she will teach a summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pettus of Charlotte visited at Mr. S. D. Belk's Monday.

Miss Marjorie Morris of Winston, who has been spending some time with friends and relatives here, returned Wednesday.

Master Henry Belk Matthews, who has been right sick of tonsillitis, is slowly improving.

Miss Clyde Belk left last week for Selma, where she will spend some time with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. McManus of Bonds Grove visited at Mr. W. A. Shorts Sunday.

Little Miss Margaret Jordan of Salisbury is visiting Miss Ida Belk.

Miss Bettie DeLaney has returned from an extended trip to Canada.

Miss Elizabeth Lemmond of Monroe has been spending some time with relatives here.

Miss Lillie Turner of Burlington, who has been visiting Miss Norrie Richardson, returned home Saturday.

Mr. W. O. Lemmond of Monroe and Mr. B. F. Hargett of Providence spent Friday with their cousin, Mr. J. C. Hill.

Mrs. W. A. Short delightfully entertained a number of young people at a lawn party Tuesday evening. The girls present were Misses Ruby, Adell and Sammie Lee McManus, Ethel Price, Pearl and Ruth Taylor, Lula Belle Killough, Annie Lee Short, Louise and Willie Mae Short, Pearl, Myrtle, Nell and Mamie Hill. The boys present were David Thomas, Ervin Short, Victor and DeWitt Hunter, Charles Whittington, Jack and Eustace Hemby, David Hemby, Claud Deal and Harrison Hill. Numerous old fashioned games were played and a good time enjoyed by all.

Rev. Mr. Richardson is holding a protracted meeting at Wesley Chapel this week.

**BIG SALE! WHERE? WHY AT THE RED HOT RACKET.**

### MASS MEETING AT WINGATE

Citizens of the School District Called to Assemble Tomorrow—Local and Personal Items.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, July 27.—Mrs. T. J. Perry is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Y. H. Allen, of Peachland, who is in feeble health. Not seriously so, however, her friends hope.

Her friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. T. M. Fields, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in a hospital in Hamlet a few days ago, is getting along nicely and indications are such as to inspire hope for speedy recovery. Mrs. R. L. Womble, Mrs. Fields' mother, went to Hamlet and brought Mrs. Fields' baby home and will care for it until its mother is able to take charge of the little fellow.

Mrs. F. W. Braswell of Wadesboro is spending some time with the family of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Jerome, of Wingate.

Misses Letha Snider and Mamie Ross of Concord are the guests of Miss Ethel Snider at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Snider.

Mrs. Boyce Helms of Monroe spent the week-end with the family of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Womble.

Miss Annie James, who was called home last week to be with her sick parents, returned Tuesday and resumed her duties at the Wingate central. Miss James reports that her parents have recovered from their illness and are now getting along nicely.

Rev. E. C. Snider is helping Rev. Mr. Phillips in meeting of days at Clear Creek church, this week.

Mrs. Bud Pfifer is suffering from some disorder of the digestive organs. Her friends hope, however, that nothing serious will result and that Mrs. Pfifer will speedily recover.

We are sorry to report that our neighbor and friend, Mr. Pernay Stewart, is suffering from a bilious attack. Mr. Stewart's friends hope for him an early return to normal conditions.

Mrs. Emma Barrett, who has been spending sometime in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Redfern, returned Tuesday to her home near White Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stewart and family of the White Store community are visiting the family of Mrs. Stewart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Redfern.

Miss Minnie Currin of Marshville is visiting among friends and relatives in and about town.

Misses Bessie and Pauline Boggan, who have been visiting at Badin and perhaps other points, have returned to their home in Wingate.

Mrs. Ada Gathings has rented the house recently acquired by Esq. H. K. Helms, known as the Brown property, west of the depot.

Dr. Hawfield is on his round advertising the typhoid fever vaccine campaign. The prudent man and woman will take advantage of this rare opportunity to fortify against this dreadful malady. "The prudent man forsooth the evil and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished."—Proverbs of Solomon.

There will be a mass meeting of the entire citizenship of the Wingate school district on Saturday the 29th, beginning at 12 o'clock noon and continuing throughout the entire afternoon. This meeting is of special importance to every citizen of the district, therefore no one should fail to attend if it is possible to get there.

The protracted meeting at the Methodist church in Wingate is still in progress. Considering the unfavorable weather, etc., there is quite a good attendance at each service. Pastor Taylor is very popular among our people.

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Griffin spent Wednesday with the family of their brother, Mr. E. W. Griffin.

Messrs. James Lowery and Fulton Braswell have gone to Badin where they have secured work with the Aluminum Company there.

Some of our villagers have attended some of the tent services at Monroe and express themselves as highly pleased with Dr. Ainsworth's sermon.

Mr. Ira B. Mullis says that one among the saddest features of the storm swept region is that in many places the people are in total darkness during the night time, all material for producing light having been swept away or destroyed by the floods.

Think of it! Without food; without water fit for use; without necessary clothing to render the sufferers decent and comfortable, and besides all this wrapped in total darkness during the night! No time should be lost in relieving this distressed condition.—O. P. Timist.

**THE CASE AGAINST MR. GULLEGE**

Lawyer and Banker of Wadesboro Convicted of Embezzlement—His Friends Do Not Think He Intended Wrong.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

At the Richmond county court yesterday a jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of John W. Gulledge, charged with embezzlement in connection with his presidency of the defunct Southern Savings Bank of this place. Judge Cline sentenced him to serve 18 months on the roads of Richmond county. Through his counsel, Gulledge appealed to the Supreme Court. He was required to give bond for \$2500 and the usual appeal bond. His bondsmen are Messrs. R. E. Little and J. A. Leak, both of Wadesboro.

The scene in the court room, when the verdict was returned, is said to have been one of indescribable sadness. Sympathy for the convicted man, who had been for a long time one of the leading citizens in town

and county and especially for his family, was very strong indeed. The sad feature of his conduct of the bank's business was that involved in the losses of about \$50000 there were the savings of many poor widows and little children. His friends maintain that Mr. Gulledge never intended to misappropriate any of the bank's funds, that he borrowed from the bank for his personal use more than he should have been entitled to borrow, and that owing to the depreciation in values of real estate and other property during the past few years he was unable to pay what he was due the institution. Judge Cline charged the jury that it must find him "guilty of felonious intent" to render a verdict of guilty. The evidence in the case was mainly documentary. It appeared that he had, in some cases, given second mortgages to the bank for funds which it is alleged he used himself. In these it is claimed he stated they were first mortgages and some of the transactions were in the names of other parties. The defendant did not go on the stand and put up no testimony. There are three other cases against the defendant.

### Waxhaw News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, July 27.—Messrs. Fred and J. S. Plyler spent Tuesday afternoon in Charlotte on business.

Mr. Carl Wolfe is visiting at his home in Spencer this week.

Mr. A. L. Haigler left Tuesday to accept a position in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Henry Niven is visiting in Charlotte this week.

Messrs. Richard Nisbet and William Massey spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Assistant scout master, Grady Massey, took the scout patrol on a sight seeing trip to the river Tuesday to watch the construction of the new bridge.

Mr. James L. Burgess of Broadway, N. C. is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Burgess, this week.

Mr. Essie Garrison, mail carrier for route one who has been taking his vacation, returned home Wednesday from a trip to Wingate.

Mr. H. Turner McGuirt of Great Falls is visiting in town this week. He was accompanied home by Mrs. S. J. McGuirt, Miss Clyde and Master Henry McGuirt, Mrs. L. E. Guion, Misses Ruth and Mary Lee Guion, who had to stay several days longer than they had planned on account of all the bridges having been washed away. They crossed the river in a boat at Van Wyck and from there they returned on the train.

Messrs. Hayne Johnson, Marvin and Frank Richardson of Monroe visited friends here Wednesday evening.

Misses Atha and Nellie Redfern of Monroe are visiting at Mr. J. L. Rodman's this week.

Mr. W. W. Norwood will celebrate his birthday Friday, the 28th, with a big dinner. All are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Mrs. Martha A. Blythe, wife of Mr. S. M. Blythe, died Saturday night. She was 61 years old. Mrs. Blythe leaves behind her a record of consecrated womanhood. She is survived by her husband and seven children. Messrs. W. M. and Thomas Blythe and Mrs. J. E. Doster of Waxhaw; Messrs. S. J. and J. C. Blythe, of Fort Smith, Ark.; Jas. R. Blythe, of Nowater, Okla.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. F. Sutton, pastor of the deceased, who was assisted by Rev. K. W. Hogan of the Baptist church and Rev. C. E. Robertson of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. J. W. McCain and J. W. McCain, Jr. spent Thursday in Van Wyck.—News Boy.

**Snakes Were in the Trees.**

Waxhaw Enterprise.

One thing which perhaps the average person has not thought of in connection with the men who spent the night in the tree tops when the bridge above Charlotte gave way last week, was the peril from snakes. One man said he was standing in a large tree and when the water got up around his feet he looked up to pick out a place higher in the tree and a snake about the size of his arm was coiled just above his head. He turned loose the tree without disputing the right of ownership with his companion in distress and made for another tree. The tree tops were filled with little snakes which high waters had picked up along the river bottoms and cast upon the current.

**The Submarine Still With Us.**

The German submarine is still lying in Baltimore harbor ready to hike out whenever the hiking seems good. Folks are getting impatient to see her hit out and try to dodge the warships waiting for her. But in as much as the captain and the crew are the ones to take the risk it doesn't seem to be any one else's business when they choose to make the dash. The other merchant submarine which is claimed to be on the way to this country has not shown up. It is rumored that she was heading for a North Carolina port, either Southport or Beaufort, and British ships are said to be stationed outside these ports watching them.

Dr. William R. Hudson, 23, of Washington, D. C., his brother, Ober Hudson, 21, and Richard F. Berry, the two last named of Luray, Va., were drowned in the Shenandoah river, four miles west of Luray, Va., Sunday afternoon while in bathing.

**DON'T MISS THE BIG EIGHT-DAY SALE AT THE RED HOT RACKET.**

## COULD HAVE FLOATED LARGE BATTLESHIPS

THAT'S HOW FULL THE YADKIN WAS WAY UP YONDER.

Mr. Bell Tells of Graphic Events of the Flood—Passenger Car Floated Down the River and Broke the Bridge—Freight Car Rammed the Elkin Factory.

Mr. W. B. Bell, secretary and treasurer of the Jackson Mills Company, spent last Sunday and Monday at Elkin, his old home, which was in the path of the recent destructive floods in western North Carolina.

While no lives were lost at Elkin and no destitution exists, the property loss is very great and in some instances irreparable says Mr. Bell.

Fine farming lands on the Yadkin river, which before the flood would bring easily \$250.00 per acre are now practically worthless, the bottoms in some instances being washed in great holes and in other places banks of sand from four to twelve feet deep are piled high on the heretofore rich lands.

Mr. Bell's home at Elkin was flooded, the water standing six feet in his father's house and after seeping leaving the mud two feet deep in the house. The building however was not injured except by mud, and the papering on the walls getting wet and falling off. Others in Elkin were not so fortunate, however, and the residence next door suffered severely, the pillars of the house being washed away. In all 28 buildings in Elkin, including business houses and homes were washed away but no lives were lost.

The Chatham Mfg. Co., manufacturers of the far famed Elkin Blankets, are probably the heaviest losers.

The entire lower floor of their plant was covered in ten feet of water and after the water receded the mud left over the machines and floors to a depth of three feet and more in some places. A box car loaded with blankets was standing on the siding at the woolen mills and was picked up by the rushing waters and dashed against the main mill building making a hole in the wall through which a two horse team could be driven with ease.

A large force of hands are at work cleaning up the machinery in the mills and it is thought that they will be able to resume work in about thirty days. The loss to this plant alone is more than two hundred thousand dollars. Blankets in every process, from the time they are started on the looms to the finished state, are scattered all over Elkin in an attempt to dry them out and if possible get some of the mud from them. Upon tons of wool is also scattered over the hills of Elkin in an attempt to dry out same so that it can be used.

"I came from Elkin to Greensboro Monday evening," said Mr. Bell, "and the scenes up and down the Yadkin river valley from Elkin to Donaha along which meanders the North Western North Carolina Railroad, are enough to make one faint at heart. Where two weeks ago were smiling fields of corn and tobacco there is nothing now but banks of sand, and great holes washed out in the once productive bottoms by the angry waters of the Yadkin. It will be many years before these lands are in condition to be worked again and in some instances, never while time shall last.

"The people up there are optimistic and take their losses good naturedly. As I stated before, there is no suffering in the immediate vicinity of Elkin and should any one be in want there the people will see to it that no one goes hungry. This true that many farmers, tenants, lost all in the flood but the highlands were not hurt and they will pick their flint and come again.

"On above Elkin, towards Wilkesboro, is where the suffering exists. The storm and flood seems to have had its start on the headwaters of Roaring river, Reddies river and Big Elk river and here is where the farmers living in the hills and covers lost their all and if succor is not given them there is bound to be suffering.

"The rain which fell at Elkin would not have raised the river at that point it reached had it not been for the cloudbursts and heavy rains further up the Yadkin. To show you the force of the current, there was a steel bridge built over the Yadkin at Elkin connecting Surry and Yadkin counties, it seemed that the bridge would withstand the water but about ten o'clock Saturday night a passenger car from the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad at North Wilkesboro came whirling down the stream and struck the bridge squarely in the center knocking it from its foundations and carrying it down the river. Think of a passenger car floating on the river. Many were heard to remark that the largest battleship in the world could have floated up the Yadkin river while the flood was at its crest.

"But in spite of this great loss and damage to property that section of the country has long been known as 'God's Country' will recover from this catastrophe and with grit and determination build better and stronger for the future. The greatest drawback is the washing away of the farm lands on the river, but time is a healer and in time this too will be adjusted and everything will be healed."